Constitution of NMPB

*212. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has recently been constituted;

(b) if so, the details of the composition of the board;

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of staff in the Board causing hardship in running day-to-day activities of the board; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide sufficient staff to the Board?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) The Board has been constituted on November 24, 2000.

(b) The medicinal Plants Board has been constituted under the chairmanship of Union Minister of health and family Welfare, and comprising of Secretaries of various Central Ministries/Departments, technical experts, NGO, representatives of trade and industry, cultivators, State Governments and other stake holders.

(c) and (d) The board has been provided some technical and administrative manpower. The proposal for creation of posts has already been intiated.

Recommendations of CBFC on Censorship Guidelines

*213. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 103rd meeting of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) held recently recommended updating of censorship guidelines;

(b) whether the recommendations have been accepted by Government;

(c) if so, the details of the proposed changes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (d) The Central Board of film Certification, in its 103rd meeting held on 14th June, 2002, set up a committee to look into suggestions to amend the Indian Cinematograph Act, 1952. No proposal has so far been received from the Central Board of film Certification (CBFC) for a review of guidelines pertaining to film certification.

Transfer of Cinematography from State List to Concurrent List

*214. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is fact that Government have a proposal to remove Cinematography from the State List and include it in the concurrent List; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) and (b) The question of bringing the subject of "Cinema" on the concurrent List has been taken up with the State Governments. However, no consensus has been arrived at in this matter.

Privatisation of SCI

*215. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's largest shipping line, shipping corporation of India Ltd. is expected to be privatised by September this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the depresed market and stringent FDI regulations may prove unfavourable for completion of this process; and

(c) if so, Government's views on the timing of this disinvestment?